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In re Application of Sexton	:	
Application No. 09/966,807	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: August 10, 2006	:	
Attorney Docket No. 56484.US/1432.0	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed April 25, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Facts:

A non-final Office action was mailed on December 15, 2004.

Attorney Mark Patterson filed a response and amendment on May 19, 2005. Patterson is not an attorney of record for the application.

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed August 11, 2005.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 21, 2006.

The law firm of record forwarded the Notice to Patterson. The petition states Patterson did not receive the response until after the deadline for response had passed.

Patterson filed the instant petition on April 25, 2006. The petition includes a section entitled, "Request of Change of Correspondence Address." The petition is not signed.

Discussion:

The Office will not consider the merits of an unsigned petition.

If petitioner wishes for the Office to consider the merits of the petition, petitioner should submit a signed request for reconsideration.

If Patterson wishes to prosecute the application, a proper power of attorney should be filed.

The request to change the address of record is not signed by an attorney of record. Therefore, the correspondence address will not be changed at this time. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record. Therefore, if petitioner wishes to receive future correspondence, a proper request to change the address of record should be filed.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are NOT permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.181."

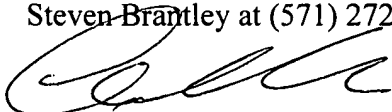
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